October 29, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed for your information are two copies each of two self-explanatory letters bearing the name of Mr. William A. Harper of Fort Worth, Texas. One letter was directed to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the second letter was sent to the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Both communications were referred to this Bureau and are being furnished for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Mr. Harper is the individual who recovered a piece of human bone on November 23, 1963, in the vicinity where the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated. This matter is recorded in the Dallas report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated November 30, 1963, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald; Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," commencing on Page 150. Copies of Special Agent Gemberling's report have been previously furnished to you.

For your information, we are advising Mr. Harper that his communications have been referred to you. We are taking no further action in this matter.

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1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable J. Leo Rankin

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
IS - R - CUBA
ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

Enclosed for Dallas are two copies each of the above letters from Harper. You should promptly contact Harper and advise him his letter to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and his letter to the Navy were referred to this Bureau and subsequently turned over to the President's Commission for appropriate action. Harper should be advised that any action in regard to his request will of necessity have to be handled by the Commission or its duly delegated authority who has sole jurisdiction over all evidence developed during this investigation. Should the question arise Harper should be advised that this Bureau does not furnish "letters of verification."

When this matter has been handled the Bureau should be appropriately notified.

NOTE:

Harper is a premedical student at Texas Christian University and while taking pictures on 11-23-63, in the vicinity of the President's assassination found a piece of skull bone which he turned over to us. The bone was examined by our Laboratory and turned over to the late President's physician Admiral George Burkley on 11-27-63. From the medical testimony it appears the skull bone found by Harper was a part of the late President's head. Harper in his letters desired "a letter of verification" for reasons unknown to us but possibly because of the historical significance of his find. Since all evidence in this investigation is in the custody of the President's Commission, it is felt this matter should be referred to the Commission for whatever action they deem appropriate. Once Harper has been advised of the disposition of his letters, no further action appears necessary and none is recommended.